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SUBJECT: AIRCREW PROCEDURES FOR GREEK, TURKISH AND CYPRUS
FLIGHT INFORMATION REGIONS

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1. TURSLOG DET 175 HAS ALL CHANGES TO THE CLASSIFIED SUPPLEMENT
OF THE FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE AND OTHER MSGS PERTAINING TO
SUBJECT PROCEDURES. PROCEDURES ARE UNDERSTOOD AND BEING BRIEFED
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AIRCREWS. IN REALITY, HOWEVER, THE AIRCREWS ARE SOMEWHAT RELUC-
TANT TO STRICTLY ABIDE BY THE PRESCRIBED PROCEDURES. THIS IS
PARTICULARLY TRUE HERE AT INCIRLIK WHERE USAF CONTROLLERS RELAY
ATC INSTRUCTIONS TO USAF AIRCRAFT.

2. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ATC FACILITIES AT INCIRLIK
OPERATE IN TURKISH AIRSPACE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ANKARA
CENTER. ALL IFR CLEARANCES COME FROM ANKARA CENTER. THE USAF

CONTROLLERS CANNOT OVERRIDE THE TURKISH CONTROLLERS AND PROVIDE ATC INSTRUCTIONS AS SPECIFIED IN REFERENCED MESSAGES. MOREOVER, NOTAM 77-1, ISSUED BY TURKEY, REQUIRES CONTACT WITH ERCAN CONTROL. THE TURKISH TOWER CHIEF AT INCIRLIK STATES THAT FAILURE TO CONTACT ERCAN MAY BE CONSIDERED AN AIRSPACE VIOLATION AND THAT TURKISH FIGHTER AIRCRAFT MAY BE SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT THOSE AIRCRAFT NOT COMPLYING WITH THE NOTAM.

3. THE ANKARA CENTER REMOTE RADIO AT MUT IS INOPERATIVE AND NORMALLY RADIO CONTACT CANNOT BE MADE WITH ANKARA WHEN APPROACHING OR DEPARTING INCIRLIK. WHEN ASKED TO RELAY FLIGHT INFORMATION TO ANKARA, INCIRLIK APPROACH CONTROL ADVISES THE CREW TO CONTACT ERCAN. AGAIN, THE USAF CONTROLLERS CAN ONLY ABIDE BY THE TURKISH INSTRUCTIONS (NOTAM 77-1).

4. IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO BRIEF AIRCREWS TO MONITOR ERCAN AREA CONTROL FREQUENCIES FOR AIR TRAFFIC ADVISORIES AND TO MAKE POSITION REPORTS AS NECESSARY. THE CIVIL AIRLINERS ARE APPARENTLY CONTACTING AND RESPONDING TO ERCAN CLEARANCES. THE AIRCREWS MUST BE ESPECIALLY ALERT FOR POSSIBLE CONFLICTS. THE LOCAL TURKISH CONTROLLERS INDICATE THAT SINCE THE BEIRUT AIRPORT HAS RETURNED TO OPERATION, APPROXIMATELY THIRTY CIVIL FLIGHTS TRANSIT THE AREA DAILY.

5. TO FURTHER COMPOUND THE POTENTIAL FOR A POSSIBLE AIR TRAFFIC CONFLICT IN THIS AREA, THE TURKS CURRENTLY HAVE A SQUADRON OF F-100'S DEPLOYED TO INCIRLIK. ON OR ABOUT 15 MAY 77, TWO SQUADRONS OF F-104'S WILL DEPLOY HERE FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MONTHS. ALSO IN JULY 77, USAF PLANS TO DEPLOY AN ADDITIONAL SQUADRON OF F-4'S ON A CONTINUING BASIS, WHEN THE TURKISH FIGHTERS DEPLOY THEY ALSO BRING THEIR LOCAL TOWER CONTROLLERS. THE CONTROLLERS MAY OR MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE INCIRLIK
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AREA, BUT WORK IN THE TOWER WITHOUT BEING CERTIFIED BY USAF STANDARDS. AIRCREWS MUST BE BRIEFED TO BE PARTICULARLY ALERT AND PATIENT. THERE WILL BE EXTENSIVE LOCAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY, AND IN MANY CASES THE LOCAL TURKISH CONTROLLER WILL PROBABLY GIVE THE FIGHTERS PRIORITY. UNQUOTE.

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